

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Walter Roloff on September 18, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 3: In the 2nd line, "the longitudinal axes of the two anterior straps form an angle between" should be --the angle is between--.

Claim 4: In the claim, "wherein angle" should be --wherein the angle--.

Claim 19: In the 2nd line, "means for allowing cutting" should be --means for cutting apertures--.

Claim 25: In the 2nd line, "curvature R of between" should be --curvature between--.

Claim 32: In the 3rd line, "uterosacral ligament" should be --uterosacral region--.

Claim 33: In the 3rd line, "uterosacral ligament and in the corresponding" should be -- uterosacral region and in a corresponding--.

Claim 34: In the 3rd line, "uterosacral ligament and through the corresponding" should be --uterosacral region and through a corresponding--.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The art of record when considered alone or in combination neither renders obvious a system configured to treat cystocele, comprising all of the elements recited in claim 1, particularly the claimed limitation of the combination of an implant with multiple straps and a device for introduction with tubular branches which define a cavity for receiving a suspension strap of the implant.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DIANNE DORNBUSCH whose telephone number is (571)270-3515. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday 7:30 am to 5:00 pm Eastern.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jackie Ho can be reached on (571) 272-4696. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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